AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) Attorney Docket No.: 092399

U.S. Application No.: 10/563,558

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant

is amending claims 1 and 16. No new matter is added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 11 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be

allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and

any intervening claims.

Claims 15-20 are allowed.

Art Rejections

1. Claims 1, 4-10 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated

by Sanchez (US 2003/0168476).

2. Claims 1-10 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by

McKinney (US 4,257,561).

In the Advisory Action of May 21, 2010, the Examiner states that "Applicant's arguments

are far narrower than the claim language." While Applicant maintains the express and plain

meaning of claim language in which outlet end defines a dispenser orifice precludes the outlet

end from being considered a channel, Applicant is amending claim 1 to further recite that the

closure member closes the dispenser orifice in a plane at the outlet end containing the dispensing

orifice so as to physically plug the outlet end. Applicant maintains the documents relied upon by

the Examiner to reject the claims do not disclose or render obvious this feature in combination

with the other claimed features for at least the reasons already made of record by Applicant.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is

kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any

overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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